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In Russia, the murder of Fyodor I Real's (ruler of Russia); his brother, DMITRI (in which Boris Godunov certainly was implicated) left no heir to the throne.

Fyodor died in ~~1591~~ 1591 and the Ancient Rurik dynasty came to an end. Boris Godunov was proclaimed tsar. Throughout his years of power Boris did much to extend serfdom and chain the peasants to the will of their landlords. He succeeded the

hostility of the noble class of boyars, who opposed him
as a usurper & upstart and looked, in the "Time of Troubles"
(as the era came to be called), for a reaction against absolutism
& a restoration of the political power they had previously en-
joyed. The peasants saw him as a pretender to the throne, & covied
to deliver them from bondage and famine (1602-04)
(a false Dmitry)

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The beautiful Rialto Bridge which spans the Grand Canal in Venice, Italy was built by Antonio da Ponte in 1591. The bridge & the shops that line it are still in use.